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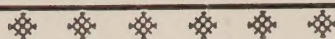
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Relics of the Spanish Armada



PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING SALVAGE OPERATIONS IN
TOBERMORY BAY, 1903.



Salvage Steamer moored in
Tobermory Bay.



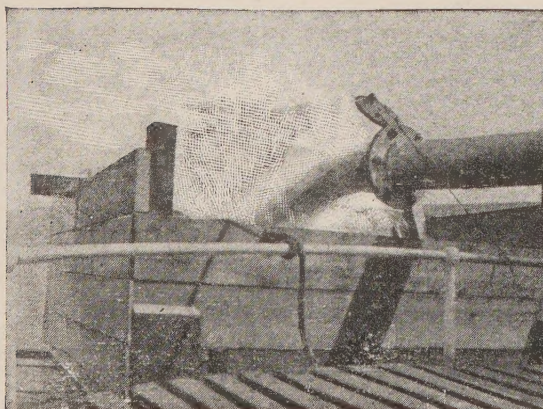
Salvage Steamer with Sand-
pump working.



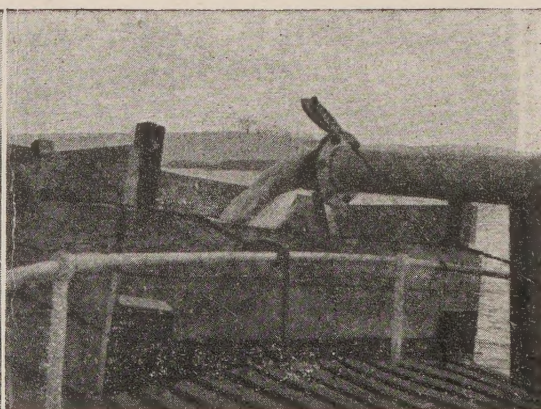
View taken from Salvage Steamer,
Diving Boat alongside.



Deck of Salvage Steamer showing
Pump.



Wooden Case or Receiver fitted at
stern of Salvage Steamer to receive
stuff pumped up.



Another View of same showing
the sand, mud and water being
discharged by pump.

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The relics now offered for sale were recovered by Captain William Burns, of Glasgow, in Tobermory Bay, Island of Mull, in July, 1903, from a depth of about 60 feet, under a Salvage Contract granted by His Grace the Duke of Argyll, as the living representative and heir of Archibald, Marquis of Argyll, who had in 1641 been granted by James, Duke of Lennox and Richmond, Great Admiral of Scotland, with the consent of King Charles I., possession of a ship that had belonged to the Spanish Armada, and had been sunk in Tobermory Bay. In the sixth report of the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, part I., 1877, page 625, it is recorded that "This gift of the vessel to the Marquis proceeds upon the narrative that in the year 1588, when the great Spanish Armada was sent from Spain towards England and Scotland and was dispersed by 'the mercie of God,' there were divers ships and other vessels of the Armada with ornaments, munitions, goods and gear, which were thought to be of great worth, cast away and sunk to the sea ground on the coast of Mull, near Tobermory, in the Scotch seas, where they lay and still lie as lost." It is further stated in the manuscripts that the vessel sunk in Tobermory Bay was reported to have been the *Admiral of Florence*, a ship of 56 guns, and that there was on board 30 millions of money. For further particulars of the vessel reference is made to the Historical Manuscripts above mentioned, and to the History of the Clan MacLean by J. P. MacLean, Cincinnati, Appendix A.

AGREEMENT.



By agreement, dated Kensington Palace, 9th July, 1903, between Sir John Sutherland Douglas Campbell, Duke of Argyll, P., K.T., G.C.M.G., &c., described as legal owner of the Spanish ship now lying sunk in Tobermory Bay, Island of Mull, and myself, I undertake to salve all or any portion of the vessel that was practicable, also her guns, materials, silver plate and/or specie, and I hereby certify that in pursuance of this agreement I proceeded in July, 1903, to Tobermory, with steamer fitted with steam sand pump, and salved, with the assistance also of John Hunter, Diver, the relics that are now being offered for sale, viz.:—One bronze breech-loading cannon, stone and iron shot, sundry musket barrels, portions of swords and scabbards, metal mortar, metal strainer, snake ring, porcelain vase, portions of the wreck, bones, etc., as per the following list. The salvage operations were begun on the 23rd July, 1903, and finished on the 20th of the following month, and the said relics were all that I was able to recover during that period, owing to the nature of the bottom rendering the prosecution of the salvage operations exceedingly difficult.

WILLIAM BURNS,

*Surveyor and Wreck Agent of the Glasgow
Salvage Association.*

I certify to the correctness of the above.

JOHN HUNTER,

Diver.

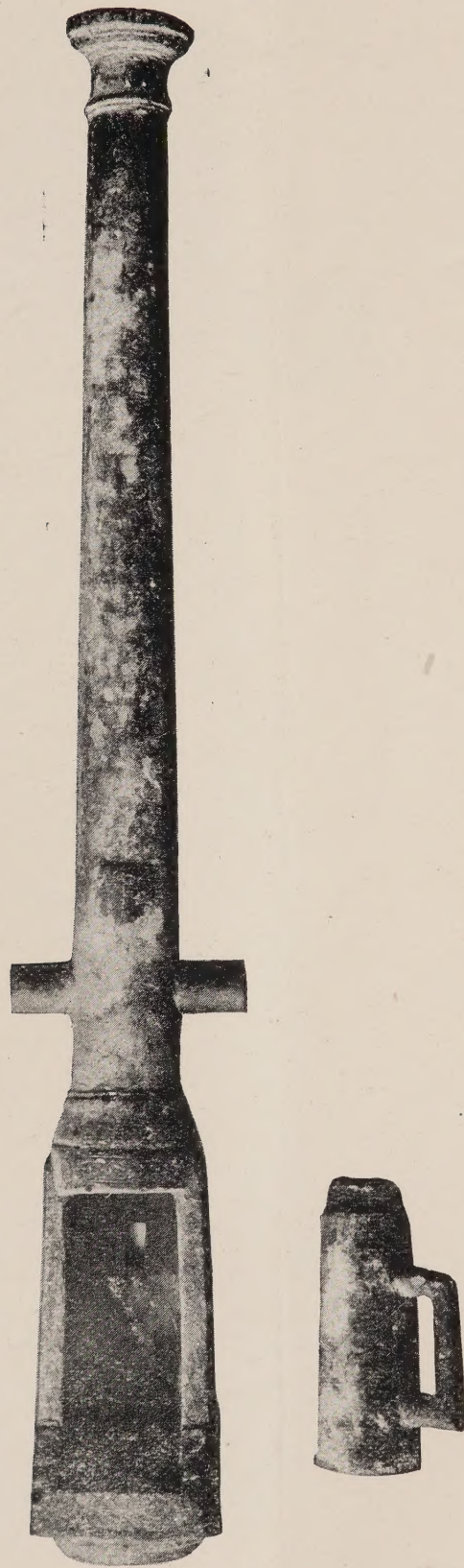
Underwriters' Rooms, Royal Exchange,
Glasgow, 20th June, 1904.

Witness to the above signatures,

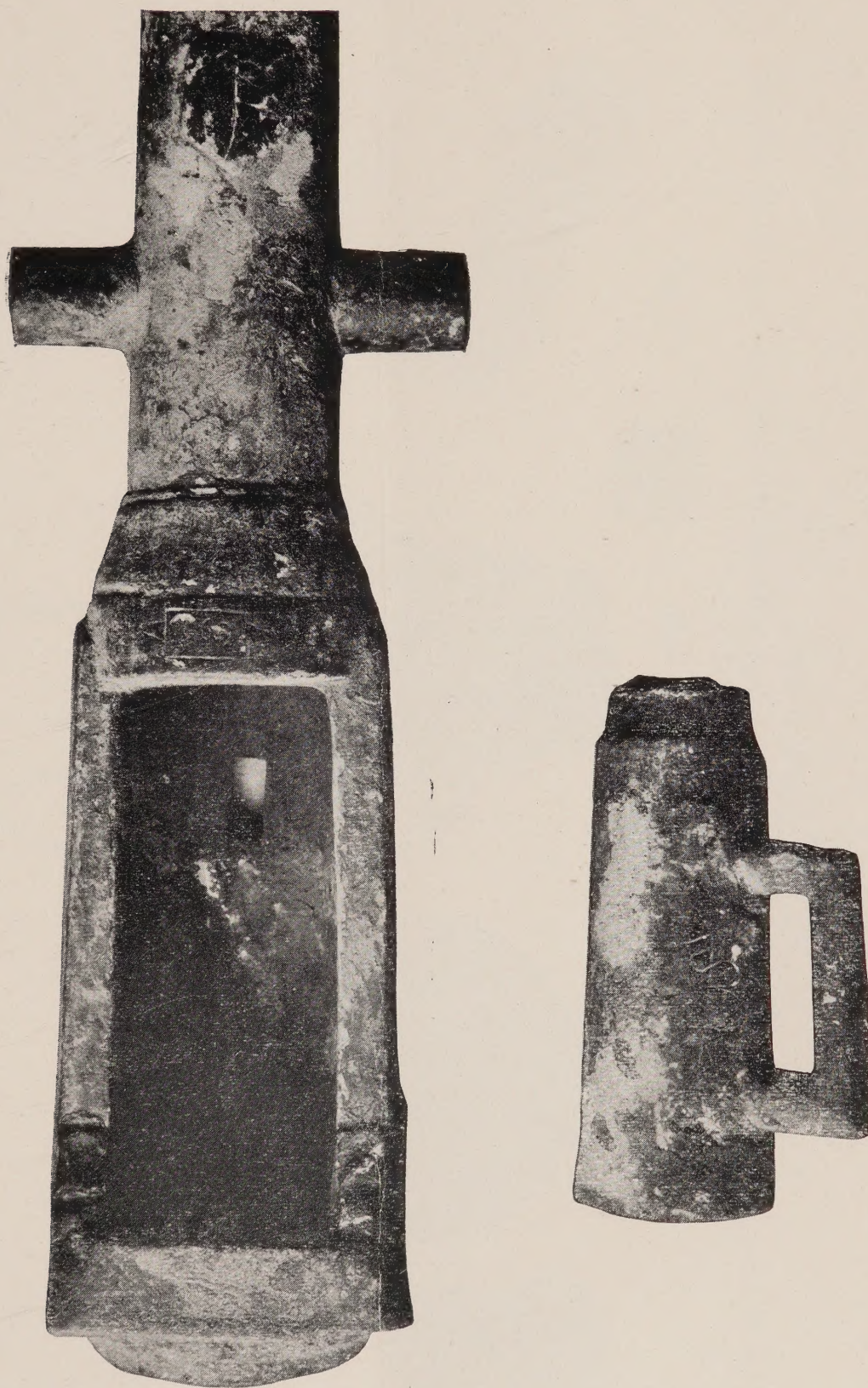
R. COOPER RUNDELL,

Secretary to the said Association.

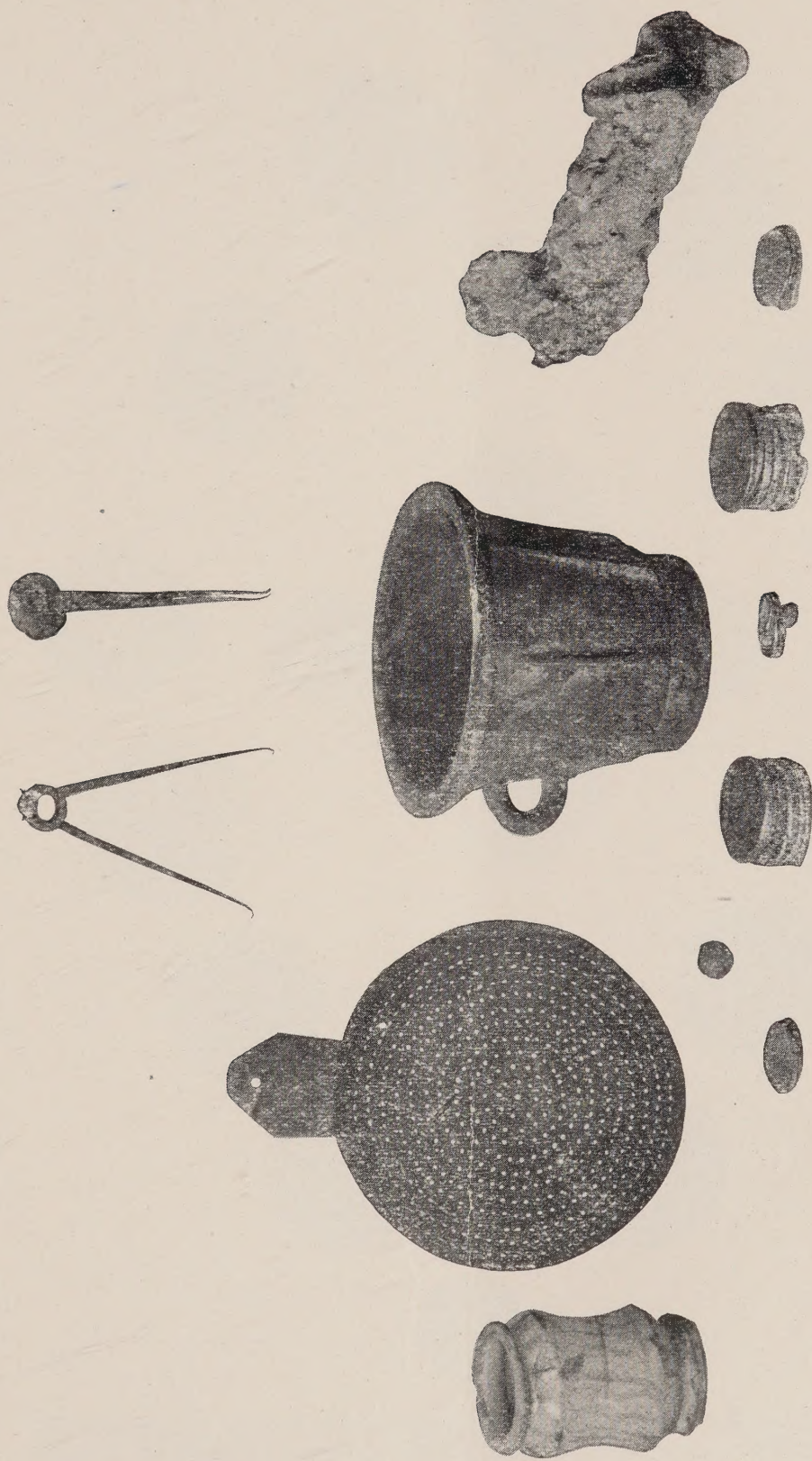
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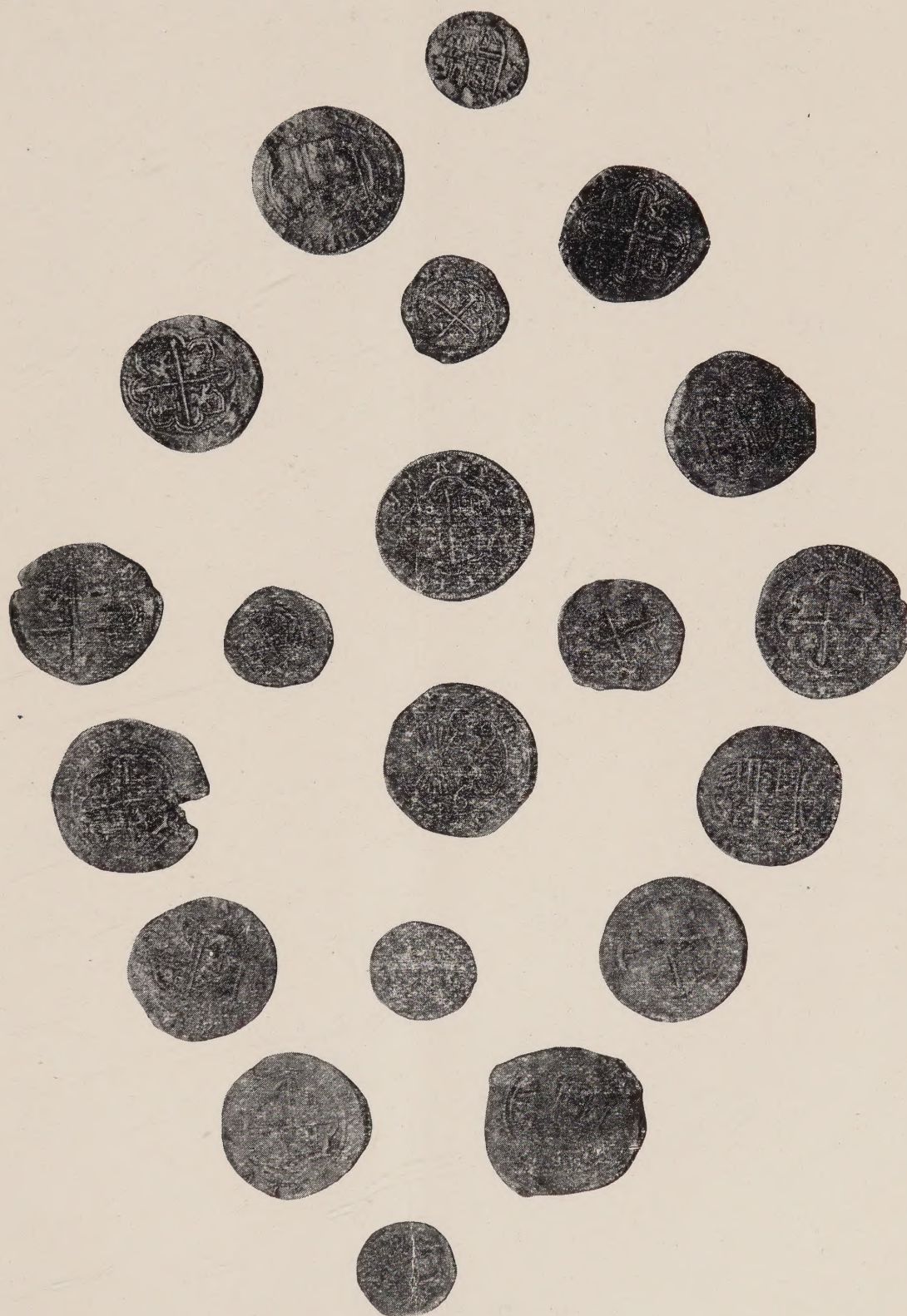
Bronze breech-loading cannon with powder chamber.



Portion of same, showing enlarged view of the breech and chamber, showing shield with monogram, and label with figures believed to be 1563.



(Apothecary's?) mortar, strainer, pairs of compasses, sword scabbard with coin attached, coins, ring and porcelain vase.



Spanish coins, apparently silver pesos of the reign of Philip II. Also peso of reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, period of Christopher Columbus; this coin is shown on the left of the centre.

Armada Relics.

PART OF SHIP'S TREASURE, OUTFIT, ETC., ETC.

LOT

- 1 Thirty - three large Spanish coins, apparently silver pesos=8 duros, called "pieces of eight," of the reign of Philip II., and 1 peso of the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella (period of Christopher Columbus)
- 2 Nine small Spanish coins, apparently silver two-duro pieces, and 1 small copper coin
- 3 Two pairs of antique compasses or dividers, one in fine preservation, and one found embedded in encrustacean; the joint is of peculiar construction, so that pressure upon it opens the legs, the points were found curled up as at present; it is supposed that this was to prevent the dividers from perforating the chart
- 4 Metal mortar (apothecary's)
- 5 Metal strainer, of an oval shape and perforated with small holes
- 6 Gold double-headed serpent finger ring
- 7 Small porcelain vase
- 8 Several human bones—shoulder blade, portions of skulls and of backbone (vertebræ)

PARTS OF THE VESSEL

- 9 Piece of planking of the ship's side with treenail holes, and a treenail badly wormed but not encrusted
- 10 Iron ring, very much eaten away
- 11 Iron hook and shackle, about 18 inches long, thickly encrusted and attached to a stone
- 12 Large crutch for boom or yard
- 13 Five pieces of timbers of ship, 3 feet to 5 feet in length

PART OF SHIP'S ARMAMENT.

- 14 Bronze breech-loading cannon, 4 feet 6 inches in length, with separate powder chamber, the shot and wad still in gun, and traces of powder in the chamber; inscribed in label on face of gun are apparently the figures 1563; on a small shield on the gun is inscribed a monogram, which is repeated on the chamber piece
- 15 Six stone cannon balls of $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches diameter, and one piece of stone cannon ball
- 16 One ditto of $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches ditto, and four ditto of $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches ditto
- 17 One ditto of $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches ditto, and three ditto of $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches ditto, also one piece of stone cannon ball found at door step of house facing Tobermory Bay
- 18 Two iron cannon balls, both $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches diameter, one encrusted, and one rent in two since recovery, supposed by action of the water
- 19 Piece of barrel of supposed swivel gun, 25 inches in length
- 20 Two pieces of iron musket barrel, one piece of ditto encrusted, and a piece of ditto with charge of powder and small leaden bullet
- 21 Pistol, thickly encrusted, and part of barrel broken off
- 22 Part of scabbard of sword, encrusted, and with large coin attached, apparently silver
- 23 Small portion of sword blade and encrusted scabbard
- 24 Half of scabbard of cutlass, $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length by about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in breadth, made of wood covered with leather